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(U) Eureka – Suspected Head of Drug Trafficking Organization Arrested

(U) The Humboldt County Drug Task Force arrested Terrance Reeves, 38, the suspected head of a methamphetamine drug trafficking organization, after a three-month investigation. With the help of the Eureka Problem Oriented Police team, agents served a search warrant at a home related to the investigation in Eureka. As agents were performing the knock and notice at the front of the house, Reeves tried to run out of a second story deck at the back of the home and into the wooded area behind it. Officials were able to take Reeves into custody without incident a short time later.

SOURCE: 5 October 2020, KRCR News

(U) Modesto – Man Arrested on Suspicion of Four Arson Fires

(U) Modesto Police have arrested Paul Patterson, 33, for allegedly starting four fires in downtown Modesto and the La Loma neighborhood. After receiving multiple calls about fires throughout the morning on Friday officers saw Patterson near a fire by the bathroom at Kewin Park around 8:30 AM. Patterson attempted to run from officers across Dry Creek, but was caught on the other side in Moose Park. Witness statements tied Patterson to the three other fires.

SOURCE: 5 October 2020, The Modesto Bee

(U) Tulare – 13 Suspected Child Predators Arrested During Undercover Operation

(U) The Tulare County Sheriff's Office wrapped up a 2-month investigation targeting online predators. Using numerous fake social media accounts, detectives arrested 13 men from around Tulare County who offered money and gifts to decoys. All 13 men arrived at a home thinking they were meeting with a teenager, only to be met by law enforcement officers. Although all 13 men were arrested and booked into the Tulare County Adult Pre-Trial Facility on felony charges, due to the mandatory zero-bail system, ten of those men were released shortly after their arrest.

SOURCE: 5 October 2020, FOX 26 News

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) California – US Border Patrol Found Nearly \$900,000 Worth of Drugs Near Salton Sea in Past Week

(U) Palm Springs – Border Patrol agents confiscated nearly \$900,000 worth of methamphetamine, heroin, and other narcotics at the Highway 86 checkpoint between Salton City and Westmorland at the start of October. Between Friday and Sunday evening, agents caught seven individuals attempting to smuggle narcotics through the Highway 86 checkpoint. Three of the seven incidents were logged just west of the Salton Sea on Friday alone. In many of the drug busts, narcotics were hidden in the vehicles' oil pans or secret compartments built into the body of the cars and trucks which K-9 teams found. SOURCE: 6 October 2020, <u>Desert Sun</u>

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Arkansas – Police Confirm One Officer is Dead After Shooting

(U) Pine Bluff – On 5 October, two Pine Bluff police officers were shot at an Econo Lodge hotel while responding to a call around noon. Kevin Collins, a five-year veteran of the Pine Bluff Police Department

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was shot and pronounced dead at 2:10 p.m. from injuries sustained during the shootout. Radd Issac, the other officer involved was treated for non-life-threatening injuries. Two subjects involved in the shooting were also wounded and treated for non-life-threatening wounds. Further details have not yet been provided by police.

SOURCE: 5 October 2020, FOX16

(U) District of Columbia – Notorious ISIS Members Likely to be Extradited to US Soon

(U) Washington DC – Alexanda Kotey and El Shafee Elsheikh, two of the British ISIS terrorists dubbed the "Beatles," are likely to be brought to the US in mid-October. Kotey and Elsheikh are accused of being involved in the murders of US hostages in Syria, including aid workers Kayla Mueller and Peter Kassig, and US journalists James Foley and Steven Sotloff. Kotey and Elsheikh admitted their involvement in the captivity of Mueller in an interview which aired in July 2020. In the interview, the men also admitted to having beaten Foley, who was beheaded on camera by Mohammed Emwazi, the leader of the so-called Beatles who was later killed in a US airstrike. Kotey and Elsheikh were turned over to US troops last year and have been in US military custody in Iraq.

SOURCE: 6 October 2020, NBC News

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Denmark – Police Shoot Knife Wielding Man at Schiphol Airport

(U) Amsterdam – Dutch police shot a knife wielding man in the leg at Schiphol airport's departure hall on Monday evening. The man reportedly behaved aggressively and assaulted members of the police force with a knife and did not respond to repeated calls from police to drop the weapon. Officers felt compelled to shoot the suspect when he did not comply. After being shot he was taken to the hospital by ambulance. The man's motive has not yet been established.

SOURCE: 6 October 2020, The Brussels Times

- (U) United Kingdom British and Dutch Forces Intercept \$200M in Cocaine and Methamphetamine
- (U) London Working with US and Dutch forces, a Royal Navy task group has intercepted drugs worth more than \$200 million in the Caribbean. RFA Argus, alongside Royal Marines and US Coast Guard teams, worked with Dutch Navy ship HNLMS Groningen to seize 1.7-tons of cocaine and 28-kilograms of amphetamines. The bust was the second in two days after seizing 264-kilograms of cocaine in a separate operation in the region just 48 hours before. The Royal Navy Caribbean task group has now seized nearly \$320 million worth of drugs after three more drugs busts last month.

SOURCE: 5 October 2020, The Maritime Executive

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